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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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For: Phase Shifter, Phase Shifting Method and Skew Compensation System for High-Spee	
PARALLEL SIGNALING))
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: